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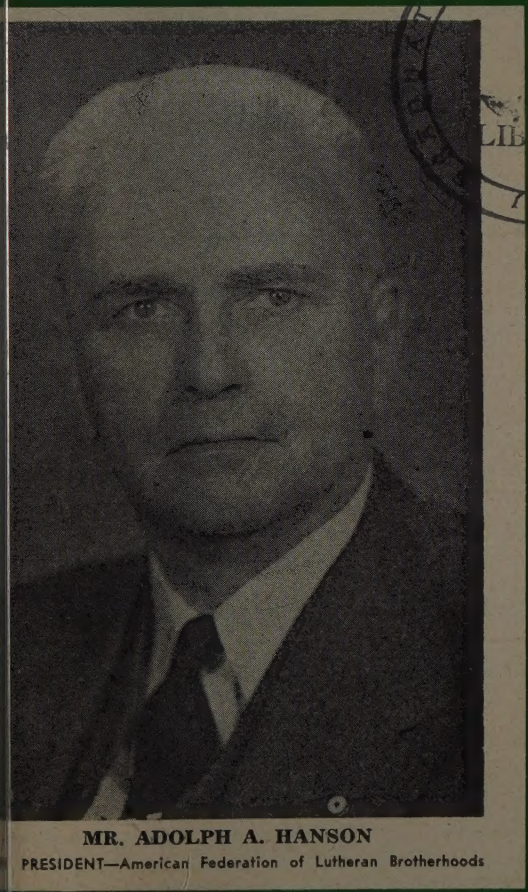

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Our Cover Picture

Mr. Adolph A. Hanson, Chicago, Ill., a business executive, was elected to the presidency of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods at the 12th Biennial Convention held at Fargo, N.D., October 28-30, 1949.

Brother Hanson's outstanding achievements as President of the Brotherhood of the Augustana Lutheran Church, and as Vice-President of the Federation, won him nation-wide recognition as an aggressive and well qualified Brotherhood leader.

Our new president is noted for his genial disposition and exceptional ability to promote teamwork in his Brotherhood endeavors. He enters his new field of responsibility with the prayers and good wishes of a host of pastoral and laymen friends throughout the United States and Canada.

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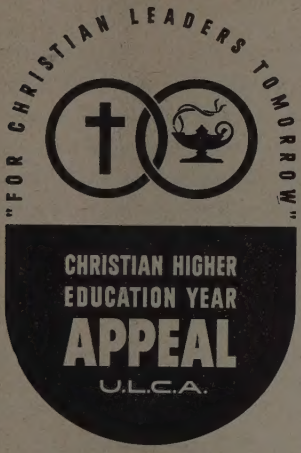

APPY NEW YEAR! If a busy year eans a happy year Lutheran men ve bright prospects. The "come-d-sit" variety of churchmanship long out-of-date. Laymen can not satisfied with "standing by." ere are great projects before the urch, projects that demand the st talents and energies of our men. ere is the continuing program of angelism. We must not allow it become sporadic. Campaign en-siasm must give way to a year-ng, steady emphasis on personal tness for Christ and His church. ere is LWA with its almost un-nited possibilities for the future ace of the world. The church in rope must be strengthened. It is one basic defense against com-nism. The DPs must be provided portunity for rebuilding life. This pends on the men of our congre-tions where the assurances of jobs and housing must originate. Then there is the immediate call of CHEY. We must grow and train our leadership. That means that we must support our educational institutions. This appeal is long over-due. Then there are the programs in our churches, demands for investment of time and talent in the regular work of the congregation, and special demands due to building projects and the like. The more we serve and give, the more we think of others in the terms of Christian love, the happier we will be.

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Teacher: "*Johnny, what is wrong with the sentence, 'Girls is naturally better looking than boys'?*"

Johnny: "*Girls is artificially better looking than boys.*" —Sunshine

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CROP

is making hay while the sun shines. With super crops in most of the nation, it is just the time to appeal to our American farmers. Our Lutheran representative directing CROP is Clifford Dahlin. He said recently:

"The co-operative effort of our states in this interchurch program is a living demonstration of the principle of Christian brotherhood on which CROP is founded. It draws our churches here closer together in the interest of worldwide brotherhood, and overseas the needy feel the spiritual and life-sustaining results of our co-operative efforts."

Peter: The horse I was riding wanted to go one way and I wanted to go another.

Pat: Who won?

Peter: He tossed me for it.

—Biblical Recorder

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A pastor's conference held at Midland College heard the following from a professor of religion at Iowa University:

"Hollywood's pictured and practiced concept of romantic, erotic love is fast supplanting the fundamental principle of Christian love between man and woman . . . We adults, churchmen and parents, have allowed the films to set false standards of affection, propriety, and morals for our young people . . . Cheap fiction has abetted the movies in making dangerously plausible the boy-meets-girl-then-marry idea of love between man and woman . . . Hollywood is having a disastrous effect on youth's ideas of marriage and home."

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A Christian should be like a good watch: open face; busy hands; pure gold; well regulated; full of good works. —Baptist Observer

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Senator Smith of New Jersey has introduced a resolution into the Senate, seeking to interpret the language of the North Atlantic Treaty. A number of senators have also signed their names to the resolution and it is, at this writing, before the Foreign Relations Committee. It deserves support from the Christian Church people of the nation. It reads as follows:

"Whereas the history of these United States clearly records the faith of our forefathers in Almighty God from the days of the earliest colonization and during all the crises of their early struggles; and

"Whereas these United States and the other nations parties to the North Atlantic Treaty are believers in the guidance of the Creator in the affairs of men: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the United States interprets the language of the preamble to the North Atlantic Treaty, reading as follows: 'They are determined to safeguard the freedom, common heritage and civilization of their peoples,' to include this Nation's most precious heritage—our continuing faith in our dependence upon Almighty God and His guidance in the affairs of men and nations."

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A proverb is a short sentence drawn from a long experience.

—Cervantes

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John Witherspoon, the first president of Princeton, once wrote: "Cursed be all learning that is contrary to the Cross of Christ. Cursed be all learning that is not coincident with the Cross of Christ. Cursed be all learning that is not subservient to the Cross of Christ." J. A. Marquis stated: "To a man who believes in the Christian religion, the Christian College is not a duplication of what the State is doing, but *an essential addi-*

It covers the whole personality
n, instead of limiting itself to a
f his faculties." As we speak to
ligh School graduates in these
ew weeks, let us stress our own
ges as a BETTER place to go
ture training. It is quite neces-
that revealed knowledge be
to the accumulated knowledge
n if we are to give our young
and women a rounded and a
ded personality.

Food For Thought

(This was found in the news column of Billy Rose, entitled Pitching Horseshoes. The date must have been early in 1949. *It should be of great value to those interested in the cause of Christian Higher Education.)*

In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago. Present were:

The president of the largest utility company.

BROTHERHOOD LEADERS AT FARGO

This fine group of Brotherhood "Prexies" was snapped during the Fargo Convention. t row, l. to r. — Dr. H. F. Kilander, Arlington, Va., president of the he Augustana Lutheran Church ;Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisville, Ky., past dent of the American Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods and the ULCA Brother-; Ralph J. Wohlsen, Bridgeport, Conn., president of the ULCA Brotherhood; and C. C. Swain, Minot, N.D., president of the Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran rch. Back row, S. H. Holstad, Minneapolis, Minn., general secretary, American eration of Lutheran Brotherhoods; Louis P. Bender, Davenport, Ia., president of the rican Lutheran Brotherhood; and Oscar E. Westberg, Williston, N.D., past president he Brotherhood of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and American Federation of eran Brotherhoods.

The greatest wheat speculator.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange.

A member of the President's Cabinet.

The greatest "bear" in Wall St.

The president of the Bank of International Settlements.

The head of the world's greatest monopoly.

Collectively, these tycoons controlled more wealth than there was in the United States Treasury, and for years newspapers and magazines had been printing their success stories and urging the youth of the nation to follow their examples. Twnety-five years later, let's see what happened to these men.

The president of the largest independent steel company, Charles Schwab, lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life, and d broke.

The greatest wheat speculator, thur Cutten, died abroad, insolven

The president of the New Yo Stock Exchange, Richard Whitn was recently released from Sing Si

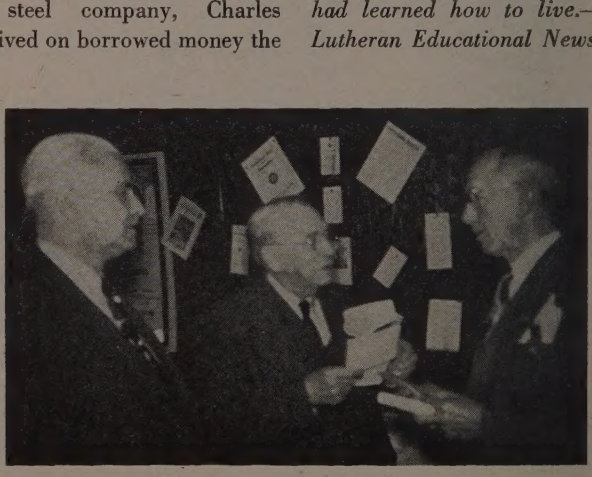
The member of the President's C binet, Albert Fall, was pardoned fr prison so he could die at home.

The greatest "bear" in Wall Stre Jesse Livermore, committed suicide

The president of the Bank of Int national Settlements, Leon Fra committed suicide.

The head of the world's great monopoly, Ivar Kreuger, commit suicide.

All of these men had learned h to make money, but not one of th had learned how to live.—Natio Lutheran Educational News Bulle



PRESIDENTIAL GREETINGS!

Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisville, Ky., retiring president of The America Federation of Lutheran Brotherhoods (right) extending felicitations to Mr. Adolf A Hanson, Chicago, Ill., newy-elected president of the Federation. Mr. S. H. Holstad Minneapolis, Minn. (center) will continue his efficient work as the General Secretar of the organization.

Presidential Message

ar Brothers:

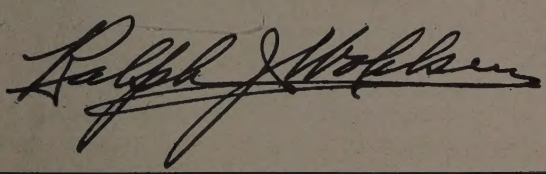
We have just celebrated another Christmas Season. We have given r loved ones gifts and have received gifts from them — we have sung ngs and hymns of joy for the gift of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

While this spirit of love still lingers, no better time could be sched-d for "Loyalty Months". Thus, January and February are again signated in our BROTHERHOOD calendar as LOYALTY MONTHS:

LOYALTY to our loved ones,
LOYALTY to our Church,
LOYALTY to our Brotherhood, and
LOYALTY to our God.

YALTY and FAITHFULNESS are synonymous — so now please read above all over again and use the word FAITHFULNESS wherever yalty appears — brings it closer home, doesn't it? FAITHFULNESS to Church right now calls for interest and action for Christian Higher ucation Year (CHEY) and continued action in EVANGELISM.

Loyally yours in Christian Brotherhood,



The Executive Secretary's MONTHLY MESSAGE

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER,
Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Penna.

ROTHERHOOD LOYALTY MONTHS

nuary and **February** have again designated as **Brotherhood Loy-Months.** This is the time set each year for a special effort tend the influence of the Broth-od by the establishment of new regational units in the churches h do not enjoy the blessing of nized men's work.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months are also the time to arrange your program and select the speakers, and assign the LUTHERAN MEN topics for the ensuing year.

Brotherhood Loyalty Months provide an unequalled opportunity to engage in an intensive promotion of the Ten Objectives in the local con-

gregation. The first three objectives, better known as spiritual objectives, are especially emphasized during this period which immediately precedes the Lenten Season. An increasing number of congregations are assigning to their brotherhoods the task of conducting a pre-Lenten visitation to bring in the unchurched and win back the lapsed members.

Membership Dues

St. John's Lutheran Brotherhood, Union City, N.J., has an enviable record. For the fifth consecutive year this flourishing brotherhood under the aggressive leadership of the Rev. George R. F. Tamke, D.D., has the unique honor of being the first congregational men's group to remit their ULCA Membership Dues. St. John's Brotherhood does not wait for a dues statement. They remitted for 60 active members for 1950 several months ago. We would be disappointed if their dues payment did not reach us by the middle of October each year.

It would be wonderful indeed if the majority of our Brotherhoods would follow the example of St. John's Brotherhood and remit their dues for the ensuing year during the last quarter of the current year. This plan would not only save valuable time and printing and mailing costs, but it would also enable the Synodical and ULCA Brotherhoods to budget their income and plan their promotional programs accordingly.

Statements for 1950 were mailed on January first

Twenty-five Synods will participate in the 1950 joint dues plan. The uniform dues statements for use in all synods of the Church are a step in the direction of simplicity and greater effectiveness in handling the synodical and ULCA membership dues payments. These statements were supplied by Brotherhood Headquarters to all of the Synodical Brotherhoods that will operate the joint dues plan in 1950. We have been assured of the cooperation by our Synodical Brotherhood officers in getting the dues statements into the mails by **January 1st.**

If your Brotherhood or Bible Class has not received its 1950 joint dues statement by January 15th, and you are located in the territory of any of the following Synods, may we ask that you notify your Synodical Brotherhood treasurer, whose name appears below:

California Synod—G. J. Grieve, 59 The Alameda, Berkeley 7, Calif.

Canada Synod—Robert Krug, Tavistock, Ont., Canada.

Central Pennsylvania Synod—John C. Falk, 1325 S. Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa.

Florida Synod—Fred G. Hoegner 1721 Orlando Circle N., Jacksonville 7, Florida.

Georgia-Alabama Synod—W. J. Ehrensperger, 1737 Princeton Avenue Birmingham 11, Alabama.

Illinois Synod—E. A. Anderson, 70 Crest View Drive, Washington, Ill.

Indiana Synod—Meredith Wilson R.R. #1, Box 266, Kokomo, Ind.

Iowa Synod—E. M. Jensen, 543 Myrtle St., Council Bluffs, Iowa.

sas Synod—Frank Wilson, 605 m St., Peabody, Kansas.

tucky-Tennessee Synod—George . Dunaway, 221 Gheens Ave., ouisville 8, Kentucky.

yland Synod—John L. Shaw, oute #4, Frederick, Md.

higan Synod—Arthur Adams, Jr., 89 Patton, Detroit 28, Michigan.

west Synod—E. T. Warnemunde, Minside, Nebraska.

raska Synod—Louis H. Petersen, 0 East 18th St., Fremont, Nebr.

York Synod (New England onference)—Herman A. Gritz, 543 berty St., Meriden, Conn.

Western Conference)—Henry J. eniger, 106 North View Terrace, chester 5, New York.

h Carolina Synod—Guy M. Bea- r, 266 N. Union St., Concord, C.

hwest Synod—Norman Nelson, 5 W. Wheelock Parkway, St. ul 3, Minnesota.

fic Synod—Peter J. Olson, 540 N. th St., Salem, Oregon.

ISTERIUM OF PENNSYLVANIA

ntown Conference) — Douglas Hunt, 615 Washington Avenue, rthampton, Penna.

ville Conference)—Alva M. Zer- , Route #1, Dalmatia, Pa.

caster Conference)—C. W. Lut- berger, 19 Green St., Lancaster, nna.

ristown Conference)—W. Mer- Fellman, 47 Hillside Avenue, ylestown, Penna.

adelphia Conference)—William Haring, 5211 N. Front Street, iladelphia 20, Pa.

(Pottsville Conference)—Ralph E. Werley, 236 N. Lehigh St., Tamaqua, Penna.

(Reading Conference)—George L. Schmehl, 1325 N. 11th St., Reading, Penna.

(Wilkes-Barre Conference)—Norman E. Huseman, 152 E. Hazard St., Summit Hill, Penna.

(German & New Jersey Conferences)—William D. Haring, 5211, N. Front St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.

Pittsburgh Synod—Raymond R. Brown, 1124 W. 29th St., Erie, Pa.

Rocky Mountain Synod—L. C. Gaughran, 1555 Hanover St., Aurora, Colorado.

South Carolina Synod—J. W. Ballentine, Route #2, Columbia, S. C.

Texas Synod—G. J. Beckers, 7424 Erath, Houston 12, Texas.

Virginia Synod—E. R. Miley, Jr., Toms Brook, Virginia

West Virginia Synod—Elmer B. Sanders, 2208 Fairview Ave., Parkersburg, West Virginia.

Brotherhoods and Bible Classes located in other synods of the Church, who do not receive their 1950 dues statements promptly, should write to Brotherhood Headquarters, Market & New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Individual Membership Cards

A further step in the direction of a more efficient distribution of the Individual Membership Cards will be made this year. These cards, in sufficient quantities for the active membership of each brotherhood, will accompany the 1950 statements from our Synodical and Conference

Treasurers. This new method will make it possible for the individual members of the congregational brotherhoods to receive their current year's cards as soon as their dues are paid.

1950 Charter Seals

The payment of your 1950 membership dues will also entitle you to receive a handsome maroon and gold lithographed charter dues seal.

Your brotherhood charter should be prominently displayed in your meeting room, and is a constant reminder to your congregation and visiting brethren that your men's group is loyal and punctual in meeting its obligations. We believe you will agree with us that the 1950 dues seal is one of the finest we have produced.

If you have neglected to remit your 1949 dues, please act immediately and we will forward your current charter seal without delay.

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ADOLPH A. HANSON
Chicago, Illinois
President of the A.F.L.B.

Brother Hanson, who lists himself as an Ecclesiologist, conducts an architectural studio at 2407 West 104th Street, Chicago 43, Illinois. He responded to our request for his biography with the following:

Born in New Haven, Conn., April 6, 1893.

Education received at —

Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois

University of Illinois

The Art Institute of Chicago, Ill.

Professional service —

Entered the practice of architectu in Zanesville, Ohio, in 1916 a continued there until 1921.

Returned to Chicago in 1921 to co tinue in the specialized field of Ecc siastical Architecture. Have design and built many churches and scho throughout the Lutheran Church well as in other Denominations.

Church membership and service —

Member of Grace Lutheran Chur Chicago, Ill. (Augustana Luth an Church)

Chairman of the Board of Admi tration. Member of the Board Directors, The Augustana Luth an Hospital, Chicago, Ill.

Served as president of local chur Southern Chicago District, a The Illinois Conference Broth hoods and as president of T Brotherhood of The Augusta Lutheran Church from 1944 1946.

Member of The Board of Govern of the A.F. of L.B. for the p six years and 2nd vice presid the past two years.

FAMOUS LUTHERANS

The first in a unique series of Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Company advertisements featuring Famous Lutherans appears in this issue of the LUTHERAN MEN.

Each month, for the balance of the year, an advertisement will appear reviewing the highlights of the life of a Lutheran who has distinguished himself in his particular profession.

The advertisements are the result of extensive research and should prove interesting and educational to all Lutherans. By clipping each advertisement, the reader can start an informative scrapbook for school or home use.

EWS AND VIEWS

Men's Meet In Illinois

Dixon, Ill.
Nov. 18, 1949

r Brother Traver:-

n Monday evening Nov. 14th St. l's of Nachusa, Ill., a village of ut 100 population, the home of Nachusa Orphanage, St. Paul's, church of only 81 communing nbers, twenty four of these mem- s met and listened to Rev. Ed- d Cooperrider, a brother of the tor Rev. Luther Cooperrider, talk one hour on the condition of ple in Germany as he just re- ed from 2 years in Germany. He l of his contacts with men who been in prison and persecuted their religious stand. It was very resting to all. Well so much for , the real reason for this meet- was to organize a Brotherhood. re were three men from Sterling uding Albert H. Breiding, the sident of our Northern Confer- e of Our State Brotherhood, and e from Dixon which is just five es west of Nachusa. Every one of 24 men signed up for member- in the new Brotherhood and I k nine signed for the Lutheran n on the special offer.

ast Night in Sterling, The North- Conference had it's annual meet- and dinner with 252 men at the ner. Rev. Harmon J. McGuire, sident of our Illinois Synod, was main speaker and his topic was d wants a Man" it was one of best talks I have ever heard. I do enjoy "Lutheran Men" very much and at Fargo, North Dakota at the Federal Convention is was very much praised by many of the men there. I missed you as well as many others who were there. It was sure a good convention. Well, Brother Traver, I wish you much continued success in all your work. With best wishes I am as ever, your old friend.

Frank M. Hughes

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An Effective Stewardship Program

At the Allentown Convention the ULCA Brotherhood decided to inaugurate an effective stewardship program. This program will not overlap or interfere with the Stewardship Program of the Synod, but under this program the Brotherhoods offer their services to the Synodical Stewardship Committee and to the pastors and councilmen of the local organization.

The president of each congregational brotherhood is asked to appoint a committee on Stewardship. The congregational presidents are also asked to send the names and addresses of those appointed to Marvin Johnson, 401 Clay St., Topeka, Kansas, who is the Stewardship Director of the Synodical Brotherhood. Later it is expected that the congregational committees will make reports on their activities and the results of their efforts.

Rev. George R. Whittecar, Stewardship Secretary of the Synod, in

commenting on this Brotherhood activity states, "Every congregation needs a man or a group of men who will conscientiously take the lead in talking Stewardship. Such an individual or group could direct, if allowed to do so, a congregational "Every Member Visitation".

This nucleus of Stewardship interest could well be a well-spring of power within the life of the congregation. All need, of course, to be coordinated and directed by the pastor and church councilmen.

Stewardship is the giving of our time, our talents and our material gifts for the work of the Church. The needs are great and the Stewardship program of the Brotherhood must be seriously and prayerfully undertaken.

The foregoing appeared in the November, 1949 Issue of the Kansas Synod Lutheran

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Redeemer — Atlanta, Georgia
Brotherhood Calls for 100 Men

One hundred men to conduct a canvass December 4th is the special project of the Brotherhood at this time. The men will visit those who did not return their pledge cards by the above date. The canvassers will have dinner after the 11 o'clock service and leave immediately to make the visits. All calls will be completed that same afternoon. The men are anxious to do this work as a service to the church and in the interests of getting our new church started in 1950.

This item appeared in the November issue of the Redeemer Lutheran Church Bulletin, the Rev. J. R. Brokoff, Pastor.

The Brotherhood Of
The Illinois Synod

The Brotherhood of the Illine Synod is moving forward. One hu dred enthusiastic men attended t 31st annual convention Oct. 7- Holy Trinity of Chicago, Clyde Steele, Pastor, was host for the o casion. Dr. Everett Mitchell was t Banquet speaker on the 7th. H urged the group to "look beyond t benevolence side of the envelo and through the eyes of faith beho the realities of what has been do and what can be accomplished the Kingdom of God." The excelle Choir of the local congregation fu nished the choral music.

Dr. Armin G. Weng, Pres. of Ch cago Seminary, brought the keyno message on Saturday. Speaking "Christian Citizenship" he emph sized that "the spark of world Lut eranism was in the hands of t Lutherans of America. The CHE campaign becomes a must if we a to continue our progress in t Lord's work."

Pastor Clyde Steele presented the convention a series of progra outlines and suggested activiti These were designed to further t work of evangelism in the loc Brotherhoods.

The highlight of the past year's a tivity was the marked success of t Revolving Loan Fund. From a tot of $5,600 received to date, the del gates voted to allocate $5,000 to t mission at Jacksonville, Ill. Mr. Che ter Swan of Holy Trinity emphasize that this was "but a beginning an

many times that amount was desperately needed on the field of the Illinois Synod."

Dr. Harmon J. McGuire, Pres. of Synod, installed the following officers: Theo. C. Walters of St. Louis, President; William G. Scholl of Joliet, Vice President; Charles D. Johnson of Peoria, Secretary; E. A. Anderson of Washington, Treasurer. Mr. Grover Erdmier, the retiring President, was given a deserved vote of thanks for his untiring efforts and fine leadership.

Rev. Clyde G. Steele, Pastor
Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill.

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Nebraska Brotherhood Hears Dr. Pearson

Augustana College's Dr. Victor R. Pearson, chairman of the philosophy division, is the author of the textbook, "The Life and Teachings of Christ", and other books on religious subjects. Pastor of First Lutheran Church of Chicago for fourteen years, he did post graduate work at John Hopkins, Harvard and the University of Chicago. But Dr. Pearson is more than a philosopher and a writer he can also speak brilliantly for laymen. Those who attended (approximately 250) the banquet Sunday night, October 9th, closing the thirty-second annual Nebraska Synodical Brotherhood Convention at Grace Church, Lincoln, found Christian challenge and mental stimulus in his address.

Theme of the one-day convention was **"This Is the Day!"** Dr. Pearson spoke on "Energize". According to Dr. Pearson, "the reason the Sunday School is not better than it is, is because the men of the Brotherhood haven't got back of it to teach". Said Dr. Pearson further — "Two great enemies of Christianity are the fiery and fighting religions — Mohammedanism and Russian Communism. Two things you should always keep in mind are in the inviolability of God's law and the inevitableness of God's justice. You can temper this a little by a third — the availability of Christ's redemption."

There were representatives present from twenty brotherhoods. Governor Val E. Peterson of Nebraska presided at the banquet. Other convention speakers included Rev. T. J. C. Schuldt and Dr. W. P. Hieronymus, president of Midland College.

A decision was reached to investigate the possibilities of purchasing a camp site to be used by synod auxiliary groups.

Harry J. Swanson, a layman from Omaha, made an appeal for Personal Evangelism. He said, "You can't be a Christian without being an Evangelist."

The newly-elected Nebraska State Brotherhood officers are: President, O. L. Sturtevant, Lincoln; Vice President, Paul Basler, Beemer; Secretary, W. J. Rogge, Auburn; and Treasurer, Louis Peterson, Fremont.

Rev. Paul Wiegman, Pastor,
Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tekamah, Nebr.

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The greatest service a man can render is to place at the command of his nation, his community and his family a Christ-controlled life.

—Edwin W. Parsons.

Maryland Brotherhood

The Third Annual Retreat of our Synodical Brotherhood was held at Camp Nawakwa, near Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, on Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11. One hundred and sixty men from churches in the Maryland Synod attended. The weather was ideal, participation by the men was excellent, and all felt that the Retreat was a success spiritually and materially.

The theme of the Retreat was **"The Work of the Church Through Brotherhood."** The Speakers were: Mr. Claude Meckley, Hanover, Pa.; Dr. Harry Baughmann, Gettysburg Theological College; Mr. Zeb Trexler, Lutheran Laymen's Movement, New York City.

At this Retreat, it was decided to hold the Fourth Annual Retreat at Camp Nawakwa, Pennsylvania on September 9 and 10, 1950. Through the courtesy of Mr. Paul Folkemer, of Baltimore, Maryland, a recording was made of interviews with various members of the Retreat Committee in which brief descriptions of the Retreat were presented. It is planned to make this recording available to congregational Brotherhoods and to interested churches in the Maryland Synod.

The Retreat Committee, headed by Mr. Fred J. Sendelbach, of Baltimore, was directly responsible for the success of this Third Retreat of our Synodical Brotherhood.

Robert C. Hamer, Secretary
Maryland Synodical Brotherhood

LAYMEN AND THEIR LADIES AT CENTRAL CONFERENCE RETREAT

Good fellowship during the intermission at the Sixth Annual Retreat of the Central Conference Brotherhood held at Lake View Lodge, Big Moose, N.Y., from Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd, 1949.

Central Conference Retreat

One of the great lay-sponsored piritual experiences of the year was hared by 100 laymen at their sixth nnual retreat, September 30th rough October 2nd. It was held at ake View Lodge, Big Moose, N.Y., nder the auspices of the Central onference Brotherhood of the Uni- d Synod of New York.

Sixteen churches in eleven com- unities were represented: Utica, yracuse, North Syracuse, Salina, verpool, Oswego, Johnstown, En- icott, Johnson City, Norwich and erona.

The spiritual leaders were Dr. G. son Ruff, Editor of THE LUTHER- N, and Dr. Fredrik S. Schiotz, Exe- utive Secretary for Orphaned Mis- ons, National Lutheran Council.

Dr. Ruff spoke at two of the four nferences, on the subjects "Our rethren behind the iron curtain" nd "The situation of the Lutheran hurch in Europe". The topics for e two remaining sessions were dis- ussed by Dr. Schiotz: "The spiritual ffect of Lutheran World Action on orld-wide frontiers" and "Luther- n World Action and world-wide rotestantism".

The Rev. Edmund A. Bosch, for- er Pastor of Zion's Church, Utica, nd the Rev. Arthur W. Hergenhan, astor of St. Paul's, Oswego, acted as piritual advisors. They also offici- ed as liturgists at the Sunday orning service in Big Moose Com- unity Chapel, with Dr. Schiotz de- vering the sermon based on the rst Commandment.

Following a vesper service and hymn sing Friday evening, the ULCA motion picture "Like a Mighty Army" was shown, and declared the most impressive of all four hitherto presented.

The Retreat program was planned and, with the whole-hearted cooperation of the various committees, carried out by Dorsey E. Kamp, Endicott, Honorary Chairman, and Claude H. Zoeckler, Utica, General Chairman.

Interest in, and enthusiasm for, the Retreat idea have steadily increased since its inception in 1944, with the result that by now the attendance has nearly doubled. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this weekend so rich in spiritual benefits, and still enhanced by excellent hotel accommodations and meals, in the matchless autumn beauty of an Adirondack setting.

Chairman of Publicity, Otto Mestler

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Canada Meets

The 22nd annual convention of the Canada Synod Brotherhood was held at Zion Lutheran Church, Stratford, with an attendance of 150. Members were present from Toronto, Hanover, Sebastopol, Brantford, Brodhagen, Elmira, Hamilton, Logan, Kitchener, Waterloo and Stratford. The opening devotions were in charge of the local pastor, Rev. Karl J. Knauff. The delegates and visitors were welcomed by the president, Mr. Ernest Clark.

The afternoon address was given by Rev. H. W. Opperman, who

spoke on the Loan and Gift Fund of the Lutheran Brotherhood of the Canada Synod, which is a fund to assist in building and expanding mission churches in the Canada Synod. The money from the Fund will be loaned interest free and as it is repaid into the fund, will be available for reloan. Thus the fund becomes a revolving one. The minimum objective for the Fund is $50,000.00 by 1952.

A report of the activities of the men of the Brotherhood in work done by the men at the Lutheran Summer Camp at Edgewood Park was presented by the Camp manager, Mr. Ernest Berner of Guelph.

The convention also gave wholehearted approval to assist in the program of Christian Higher Education conducted by The United Lutheran Church in America, a fund whereby the sum of six million dollars will be raised for the expansion of its colleges and seminaries.

An invitation to hold the convention next year in Hanover was received with thanks.

The evening service was in charge of Rev. Knauff. The speaker, Rev. H. W. Opperman of Toronto based his message on the 10th verse of the 15th chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke: "Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth." He stressed that we are engaged in a business, the purpose of which was to sell the Christian way of life. We have the grandest product in the world to sell, namely: the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The first principle is advertising which can best be accomplished by living it — being walking billboards, so that people can see what is in us. The second principle is cooperation of personnel. Jesus told his disciples "This is my commandment, that ye love one another." The third principle is enthusiasm to put the subject across. Christ's great commandment "Go ye out into all the world and preach the gospel" was meant not only for the clergy but for everyone of us. We are to seek and to save that which is lost. The results are rich dividends, as Jesus said "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

The newly-elected officers installed at the evening service are: President, Mr. Ernest Clark, Brantford; Vice President, Mr. Roy G. Hilker, Kitchener; Secretary, Mr. Walter Virgin, Toronto; Treasurer, Mr. Robert Krug, Tavistock; Executive lay member, Mr. William Timm, Kitchen; Executive pastor member, Rev. H. W. Opperman, Toronto.

Samuel Weicker

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Silas Clam lies on the floor.
He tried to slam a swinging door.
—Boston Naval Shipyard News

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"I'm gonna sneeze."
"At who?"
"Atchoo."
—Boston Naval Shipyard News

CAMPUS CHATTER

GRAND OLD MAN OF FOOTBALL

quehanna University has an ual combination of father and Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sr. and Alonzo Stagg, Jr., heading the tion of physical education and tics. Mr. Stagg, Sr., the Grand Man of Football, served forty- years at the University of Chi- fourteen years with the Col- of the Pacific, and is now serv- s advisory coach to his son for third season at Susquehanna ersity. On October 22 a testi- al dinner was given to Mr. , Sr. at which time representa- of the press from Chicago, New and the Associated Press were nt, as well as a number of ds of his former coaching ca- Dr. Harold G. Moulton, Presi- dent of the Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C., made the congratulatory address. Mr. Stagg, Sr. replied with an eloquent address pointing out the advantages of athletics, when properly conducted, for character building. Mr. Stagg is opposed to subsidization in order to win. He believes that intercollegiate football should be returned to those who play it for the love of the game. He is ably assisted by his wife, Stella, who sits in the press box and diagrams the plays so that her husband may study them at the close of the day.

Mr. Stagg is eighty-seven years old and is coaching at Susquehanna his sixtieth football team.

THE STAGGS AND THE SMITHS

Amos Alonzo Stagg, Sr., President G. Morris Smith, Amos Alonzo Stagg, Jr., Mrs. Morris Smith at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.

The Brotherhood In Action . . . .

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EVANGELIZE–
1. Win the Unsaved, Reclaim the Lapsed

To win souls for Jesus Christ is the first objective of the Brotherhood; it is the chief business of the Church and its members. God's kingdom grows as one man tells another of God's goodness. The Lord commands His followers to "Go . . ., preach the Gospel to every creature and make disciples."

In the early days of the Church every person who experienced the glow of the gospel shared it with others. Members of the church, not the ministers only, were witnesses.

Half of our population is still unchurched: Every community has some who should be won for Christ. Many are lapsed in their membership and should be brought back into the church. What a challenge to the men of the church!

The following steps to win the unsaved and reclaim the lapsed are suggested:

1. Let the officers of the Brotherhood study and discuss evangelism to become imbued with its urgency.

2. Ask someone with a passion for souls to give an address on the subject at a Brotherhood Meeting, or have a few men give talks on various phases of evangelism. The purpose should be to secure the interest and cooperation of all the men winning souls.

3. Have a discussion after it presentation. If possible have initiative to make a concerted effo to win others, come from the grou

4. Appoint a committee with consecrated active chairman.

5. The committee should make study of the subject. Write to T Department of Evangelism, Board Social Missions, 231 Madison Av New York 16, N. Y., for Evangelis literature. The reply will bring the committee a vast amount helpful material.

6. A plan should be devised local use. The following is sugge tive.

   a. Prepare a prospect list.
   b. Select teams of visitors.
   c. Instruct the visitors.
   d. Assign prospects,
   e. Send the visitors.

7. Work the plan.

A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

I wish to thank all of the many friends and Brotherhoods who sen cards and letters to me during my recent illness. It is impossible t answer them all individually. I am recuperating satisfactorily bu will have to "take things easy" fo quite a while.

RALPH J. WOHLSEN,
President

UTHERAN BOY SCOUTS

★ MR. EARLE W. BADER, Director

Boy Scout Committee of The Brotherhood of The U.L.C.A.
Headquarters, Market and New Streets, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
DR. GEORGE A. EICHLER, Editor

BE PREPARED!

UT SUNDAY OBSERVANCE ON FEBRUARY 12, 1950

he theme for the 40th Anniver- celebration of the Boy Scouts America from February 5th to will be **"Strengthen the Arm iberty".**

suggested Scout Sunday pro- n was mailed on December to all of the ULCA churches ch sponsor a Boy Scout Troop. itional copies of this program, uding Boy Scout literature and lications for the **Pro Deo et Pa-** religious award, will be sup- d free of charge by — **The CA Boy Scout Committee** — ket & New Sts., Bethlehem, Pa.

uth Directors' minar on Scouting

unprecedented Conference of ious, Civic, Fraternal and Rural h Directors who supervise Boy ting on a national level was at the Schiff Scout Reservation ng the last week of September. total membership of the groups esented was estimated at more 60,000,000 persons.

visit to the Schiff reservation is ys an enjoyable occasion, but hose who live in urban com- ities a brief season at this syl- paradise is an unforgettable ex- ence. The Schiff Reservation is ed near Mendham in the roll- ing hills of northern New Jersey. This vast estate with its scouting trails and camp sites abounds with wild game to delight the nature lover. There is also an artificial lake completely equipped for aquatic sports. The administrative offices, dining hall and class rooms are housed in a beautiful building of the most modern design. It is here that the professional scout executives receive their intensive training.

The Scouting Seminar which was attended by the following Lutheran representatives: Rev. Frans A. Victorson, (AUG); Rev. C. Oscar Leonardson, (AUG); Loren Ness, (ELC); Prof. George W. Anderson, (AUG); W. F. Weiherman, (SMo); Earle W. Bader, (ULCA), was arranged by the Division of Relationships of The Boy Scouts of America. Our genial friend, Dr. Ray O. Wyland, served as the gracious host and general chairman of the Conference. He was ably assisted by the following home office leaders: Dr. A. E. Iverson, Kenneth E. Cook, Thomas J. Keane, Harry K. Eby, Elmaar H. Bakken and O. B. Evenson. Directors Iverson, Cook, Keane and Bakken rotated as the daily chairmen. The housing and physical arrangements for the guests was superbly handled by O. B. Evenson, M. L. Johnson, and Howard Paulson

who left nothing to be desired for our comfort and convenience. So much for the background of the Conference.

The serious purpose of the Seminar was evident at the outstart. The Conference opened with a keynote speech by Dr. Wyland, who introduced Dr. Raymond Miller, internationally known public relations and food distribution expert. Dr. Miller, who is a world traveler and consultant for the United Nations, gave an inspiring address on present world conditions.

This was followed by an intensive program of morning, afternoon and evening sessions which covered every phase of Boy Scout relationships. The total resources of Scouting were explained through illustrated lectures with the aid of charts, movies, slides, descriptive literature, and by dramatized sessions in which the entire group participated.

The theme of the Scouting partnership was emphasized throughout the Conference to correct the mistaken impression that the local Scouting units belong to the Boy Scouts of America. On the contrary, each Scout Troop, Cub Pack and Explorer Unit is the property and sole responsibility of the chartered congregation or agency which operates these units. The Boy Scouts of America merely devise a coordinated Scouting program for all types of boys. This program is made available through the Local Scout Council to any responsible group interested in the development of their boys.

The representatives met in int
est panels to consider their resp
tive Scouting problems and
change ideas and methods to
prove their national Scouting p
gram. These discussion groups
offered constructive criticisms
suggestions to improve the
Scouts of America national Scout
program.

The Schiff Seminar was a never-
be-forgotten experience in broad
ing our individual horizons conc
ing the plans and objectives of ot
groups who are promoting
Scout work on the national level
is also a striking demonstration
the unselfish service which Scout
contributes to our American way
life.

Those who despair about the
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when such a prominent group
national leaders are willing to g
of their time to plan for the welf
of others. Here were White and C
ored Protestant Ministers, Catho
Priests, Jewish Rabbis, College P
fessors, and Lay Executives of Ru
Civic and Fraternal groups, livi
working and playing together
enjoying it immensely.

We all came away physically
freshed, and enriched spiritua
and mentally, but perhaps most
portant with lasting friendsh
which will inevitably bring us
closer together as we strive to "
a Good Turn" for our citizens of
morrow.

E. W. Bade

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KEEP THOSE NEW RECRUITS!

n the past few years we've been ilding up the enrollment of our nday schools. Some schools and ngregations have been zealous out this work. But I wonder ether they are so concerned out keeping the new recruits after ey have them. To become negli- nt at that point will undue many the gains which have been nieved.

How We Lose Them

If a Sunday school or a class shes to lose its new students it ay follow these suggestions:

1. Don't speak to them or in any ner way let them feel they are nted.

2. Never visit them in their mes, they might feel they are too portant.

3. Never ask them to do anything. ep all the jobs in a little circle.

4. Have a dull teacher, boresome sons, and use only the lecture thod.

5. Let the teacher be absent half e time, without letting anyone ow in advance.

6. Never have any fellowship oc- sions lest the students become quainted with one another and rn to work together in harmony.

How We Can Keep Them

Let's welcome all newcomers, not with any sickening salesman's smile, but with something from the depth of our souls. They'll need some help in becoming actual parts of the group. They'll appreciate a lasting friendship and continuing good will.

Have an interesting, helpful program, including the lesson. Dullness or an attempt at the theatrical will pall. Variety of solid, practical material, attractively presented, will help to hold and help people. And why should we want to hold them if we are not interested in helping them? A nap in the class possesses no magic.

The key to an interesting program is a live, informed, thinking person as teacher. Personality is the crux here as in many other undertakings.

A strong program will include study, fellowship, worship, and action. But we so frequently overlook the fellowship occasions. They are a necessary supplement to class periods. And in our doing, let's give our new people a chance. A chance to do something worthwhile will accomplish more than any number of pious words.

TOPIC OF THE MONTH .

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Topic for February, 1950

TOGETHER WE PLAN

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AIM: (1) to show the wastefulness and inefficiency of "rival altars"; (2) to stress the desirability of co-operative planning in establishing new churches; and (3) to indicate ways in which congregations of various Lutheran general bodies can work together for the promotion of the kingdom.

NOTE: 1. The Division of American Missions, 327 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 4, Illinois, can supply the following pamphlets as supplementary material at a nominal fee: "American Missions Together"; "Christ for the Changing Countryside"; "Christians Alert"; and the National Lutheran Council tract, "Three Decades of Growth."

2. If there are congregations of other Lutheran general bodies in your vicinity, this would be a good time for a joint meeting. Arrange for the pastor of each congregation or the president or other representative of each Brotherhood to make a five-minute talk describing the accomplishments and problems of his congregations. At the end of the meeting spend a few moments in discussing the tasks that could be carried out more effectively by united efforts than by individual efforts.

3. Invite a qualified speaker to describe the work of the division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council.

4. Spend sufficient time in the discussion of the suggestions found at the close of this topic under the heading "Things That We Can Do."

Worship

HYMN: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" —No. 8 C.S.B. or No. 185 P.S.H.

SCRIPTURE: I Cor. 4:1-5

PRAYER: Collects No. 38 and 39 C.S.B.

SPECIAL MUSIC

HYMN: "Spread, O Spread, Thou Mighty Word" —No. 166 C.S.B. or No. 201 P.S.H.

The Topic

On ounce of wise planning is worth pound of zeal. The Protestant church American has been "long" on zeal d "short" on planning. This has en resulted in producing the strange uation that the greater the number churches the greater the number of churched people.

Even the Lutheran Church has not ways placed her churches most wise- There is need for thoughtful plan- ng if the Lutheran Church is to use r men and means efficiently to ad- nce the kingdom of God. A wise ategy cannot be developed by any e Lutheran group working alone. ch a strategy must be developed co- eratively. This development must ke place at both the top level and e community level.

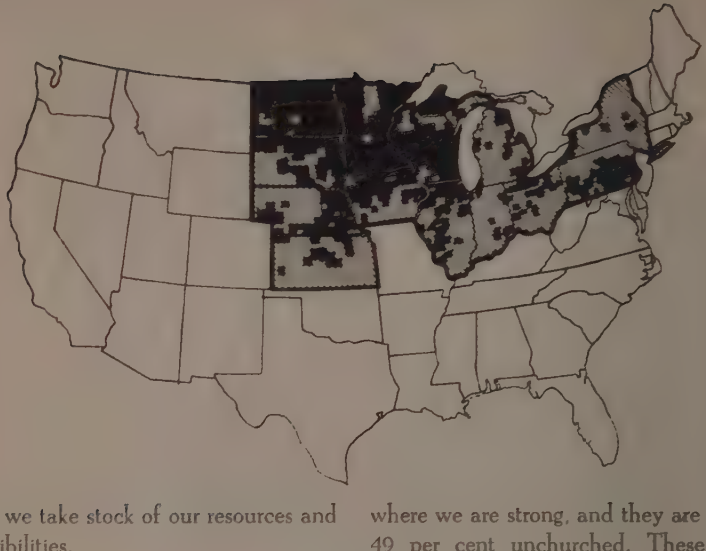
Lutheran laymen can say with a nse of joy that the Church of the eformation is the strongest church in orth Dakota and South Dakota; that e is the strongest Protestant church Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, d Wisconsin; and that she is the ird largest Protestant body in Amer- a. The progress in co-operative plan- ng made by Lutheran bodies in recent ars promises an even more rapid owth in the years that lie ahead. he united planning which has already ken place indicates the force that a ited Lutheran Church could be in vancing the kingdom of God in our nd. May God hasten the day when ch a united church becomes a reality.

United We Plan

While the Lutheran Church waits this hope to become a reality, repre- sentatives of the various bodies increas- ingly plan their work together. A very significant piece of planning is being carried out by the Division of Amer- ican Missions of the National Lutheran Council in the field of home missions. The United States has been divided into twenty-five regions; Canada into five regions. Each region has a regional committee. The committees are made up of representatives of the general bodies of the National Lutheran Coun- cil.

Regional committees are important units in the program of American Lu- theran missions. They play a vital part in Lutheran home mission strategy and mission expansion. Not only are new mission fields cleared through these re- gional committees in order to avoid overlapping, but attention is given to the co-operative study of home mis- sion opportunities in order that we may be wise and aggressive in furthering the cause of the kingdom of our Lord. These committees have been function- ing since 1942, and are now a definite part of the organizational structure of the Lutheran Church in America. We can look forward to a future in which, as a result of wise planning, we will not be embarrassed because the churches of the National Lutheran Council have built opposing altars.

Fields are white unto the harvest, whether we look east, west, north, or south. The Lutheran Church, with her emphasis upon Word and Sacrament, has a significant contribution to make to countless communities in which peo- ple are like sheep without a shepherd. A carefully planned advance demands



that we take stock of our resources and possibilities.

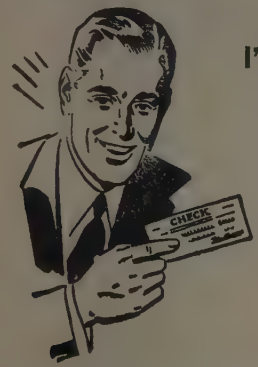
The above map shows the centers of Lutheran strength. In the area blocked off by a heavy line you will find 80 percent of the Lutherans in America. The other 20 per cent are spread over the rest of the country. The disturbing thing is that there are so many places where there is no Lutheran church. The black portion of the map indicates the area where you will find 70 per cent of the Lutherans. This means that 70 per cent of the Lutherans in America live within the confines of 500 counties. Even in those states where we are the leading church there are counties that have no Lutheran congregation. These are often the counties that have a high percentage of unchurched people. The areas with diagonal markings are the areas in which our church is weak, and they are 61 per cent unchurched, while the areas that are solid black are the areas where we are strong, and they are onl 49 per cent unchurched. These ar averages. Some counties are as muc as 80 per cent unchurched.

The Lutheran Church is a poo steward of her spiritual energy if sh permits unnecessary competition i given areas. Because of such harmfu competition she must content hersel with bringing a very limited service or no service, in many sections. I Lutherans thought in terms of *one Lu theran program* for a community, les effort would be consumed in shepherd ing widely scattered flocks and mor effort could be spent in extending th ministry of the Word and Sacrament into the unchurched areas of our land

New Planning

Wise planning will result in a mor adequate ministry to the communitie in which our churches are now located and at the same time will release pas tors to extend our ministry to new com munities. It is not for us to be critics

A little set aside Today... *can mean so much* Tomorrow



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of the church leaders who permitted the present situation of overlapping churches to develop. They planned for a day when language and synodical loyalties formed real barriers. But we serve in a day when people are community-conscious instead of constituency-conscious. Our planning must result in giving *us one* Lutheran program for a community. This does not mean one congregation for a community, but it does mean the type of planning that will cause the efforts of the various Lutheran congregations to complement each other in bringing Christ to the entire community. Thoughtful and far-seeing laymen are using their influence to bring this about.

First Lutheran Church, New Richmond, Wisconsin, is a case in point. Five years ago we had a struggling Norwegian Lutheran Church and a struggling Augustana Lutheran Church in this prosperous town. The former was founded in 1889, the latter in 1891. Neither could afford a full-time pastor. The Norwegian Lutheran congregation shared its pastor with two neighboring congregations. The largest of these congregations had 350 members and paid half of the pastor's salary. The other congregation and the New Richmond congregation, both smaller, each paid one-fourth of the salary. This salary payment was for preaching and other *necessary service.* Through the years the average attendance stayed almost the same. Such organizations as a Brotherhood and a Woman's Missionary Society did not exist.

The situation in the Augustana church was similar. The pastor who served this congregation lived at Hudson and drove twenty-one miles to New Richmond in all sorts of weather. He also served two other congregations. The average attendance in his New Richmond congregation remained at forty or less. The Sunday school had twenty-two children in 1945, and the Ladies' Aid numbered thirty. In the spirit of Christian service and sacrifice the pastors sought to bring the spiritual ministry to the New Richmond community. Even though they did not spare themselves they could bring only a limited ministry, and so, in a predominantly Scandinavian community, National Lutheran Council churches were at a standstill. But the seven other churches in the community advanced. The Roman Catholic and Federated Churches were particularly alert, and had attractive programs for youth.

A few forward-looking Lutheran laymen began to think about the problem and realized that something had to be done. They shared their view with members of both congregations. They freely discussed the need of having one church, with a resident pastor instead of two congregations with no resident pastor. Finally the Augustana congregations called a meeting to consider merging with the Norwegian Lutheran church. When a vote was taken to determine how many were in favor of such a move, a lone man and his wife arose. But as a result of the patience, determination, and vision of a few, the members of the Augustana church finally made the offer that they were ready to join the Norwegian Lu-

heran Church and turn their property ver to that church. The offer had only ne qualification, namely, that a resident pastor be called. The Norwegian Church considered the offer with some misgiving. Up to now each congregation had been paying only one-fourth f a pastor's salary. Here again far-eeing laymen carried the day, and teps were taken to form a new congregation with the name "First Lutheran Church of New Richmond." It would belong to the Evangelical Lutheran Church. A resident pastor was alled, and installation and merger ervices were held on December 8, 946. On that happy day 98 unchurched people joined the new congeation.

At the beginning of the year 1947 he new congregation could report 387 aptized members and 297 confirmed embers. The baptized membership as now grown to 542 and the confirmed membership to 398. The story ince the merger has been one of progss and advance. The gross income has een raised to around $17,400. The astor and congregation, with zeal and areful planning, are executing a proram that serves the total community. A spacious basement, the first unit of n enlargement program, has been uilt. In a community where there had ad been two struggling congregations, e now have one vigorous congregaon with an adequate program. While s facilities have already been greatly nproved, it is now making provisions provide even better facilities by uilding a beautiful church over the asement. It will require effort and sacrifice, but they will be given gladly, for the people now have a vision and they have experienced the joy of planning and working together.

What happened in New Richmond is happening in other places. But it must happen in many more communities if our church is to measure up to the need of the day. Laymen can do a great deal to bring this about.

Things That We Can Do

1. We can start talking about the need of doing more things together. Through ideas that we express we can help people to see that to have one struggling Lutheran church less than a block away from another struggling Lutheran church is a foolish way of doing the Lord's work.

2. We can become informed about the many things that the eight Lutheran bodies of the National Lutheran Council are doing together.

3. We can make a careful map study of the Lutheran church situation in our territory.

4. We can encourage the holding

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of Lutheran rallies for our section. A good time for such a rally would be on Reformation Sunday.

5. Brotherhoods of the various general bodies in the immediate vicinity can hold joint meetings.

6. We can foster fellowship between the congregations of the various general bodies.

Topics for Discussion

1. How does the Lutheran Church in America rank in size with the other Protestant churches?

2. In what area of the United States does the Lutheran Church have her strength? Why?

3. In what way does the fact that different Lutheran nationalities settled in the same community create a problem for our generation?

4. In what way are the various Lutheran general bodies planning their home mission program together?

5. How can struggling Lutheran churches in the same community plan and work together?

6. Where has co-operative planning been carried on and what have been the results?

Closing Worship

HYMN, "Christ for the World We Sing"—No. 218 C.S.B., or No. 164 P.S.H.
PRAYER, including the Lord's Prayer
BENEDICTION
BUSINESS
FELLOWSHIP and REFRESHMENTS

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Prepare To Witness

Project for the March meeting

1. Each member of the Brotherhood should prepare a list of all the unchurched people he knows, including young people and children, who live within the area of the church's responsibility. In each case the name, addres and other available information shoul be given. This information should b turned over to the pastor or the eva gelism committee of the church at th meeting.

2. Prepare a skit to demonstrate witnessing call. Select two men to ca on Mr. Unchurched. It would be be to have the script prepared by th actors or by other members of th Brotherhood. If this is not possible, script may be obtained by writing t the Lutheran Commission on Evange ism, 327 South LaSalle Street, Ch cago, Illinois. At the conclusion of th presentation let those present discu it, pointing out its good points and i weaknesses.

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Federation Echoes

A brief report of the Fargo Convention Highlights

by Albert Anderson
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Lutheran laymen from all over t United States got their chance speak out on a favorite subject Lutheran Unity — and did so b unanimously passing two resol tions at the twelfth Biennial Conve tion of the American Federation Lutheran Brotherhoods October 2 30 in Fargo, North Dakota.

As a conclusion to intensified d cussion on Lutheran unity whi characterized the entire conventio the delegates passed a resoluti urging the member churches of t National Lutheran Council "to double their efforts to bring abo organic unity."

e second resolution petitioned
church bodies "to explore im-
ately the possibility of enlarg-
the procedures of the regional
nittees of the Division of Amer-
Missions of the National Luth-
Council to include the merging
ngregations where the desire to
ogether is evident." Passage of
resolution was made because
gates felt "duplication of con-
ational work needs immediate
ition, and in many cases the
gregations are ready for merger,
are hindered because they can-
decide which synodical affilia-
the new congregation should
e."

ior to passage of the two resolu-
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actical suggestions made by lay-
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help achieve Lutheran unity included: uniform brotherhood programs in each church body joint meetings of organizations of various Lutheran churches in a community; special events jointly sponsored by Lutheran congregations in a community; joint participation in public and community events; "Charitable attitudes" toward each synod, and prayer.

Other resolutions passed by the federation assembly included measures supporting Lutheran World Action, and Evangelism program of the National Lutheran Council church bodies, and agreement to form a Lutheran athletic association.

During convention business sessions, Judge Lawrence F. Speckman, Louisville, Kentucky, retiring president of the group, reported that all Lutheran brotherhoods now have the same "triple E" objectives: Evangelize, Educate, Energize.

Mr. S. H. Holstad, Minneapolis, Executive Secretary of the Federation, reported that 3,913 Boy Scouts in Lutheran congregations had made application for the **Pro Deo et Patria** award, the Lutheran Church's highest scout honor. Of these, he said, 672 had been granted.

Mr. Loren Ness, Minneapolis director of chaplaincy service for the Lutheran Committee on Scouting, reported that approximately 8,000 scouts were given service by Lutheran chaplains in camps conducted during the year.

After considerable discussion, the Federation turned down a proposal to change its name to "The Bro hood of the Lutheran Church". proposal was defeated because gates felt that the Federation not what the new name would cate but in actuality was the se agency of the autonomous nat brotherhoods of the American eran Church, the Augustana Lu an Church, the Evangelical Luth Church, the United Evange Lutheran Church, and The U Lutheran Church in America.

New officers elected by the gates for the coming year were Adolph A. Hanson, Chicag member of the Augustana Luth Church, president; Grover C. mier, Freeport, Illinois, a memb The United Lutheran Churc America, vice president; Elden Sterling Colorado, a member o American Lutheran Church, s tary; and William Von Sto Minneapolis, a member of United Evangelical Lutheran Ch treasurer.

In attendance at the Fargo vention were the following U.L Brotherhood officers and Exec Committee members: Ralph J. W sen, Earle W. Bader, Rev. P. G. Alfred Arnesen, Sr., Wm. F. K and Judge L. F. Speckman, who sided at the convention sess There were also ULCA Brother delegates in attendance from M sota, New Jersey, Illinois, Califo and North Dakota. Approximate ULCA Brotherhood delegates guests of President Wohlsen at lowship breakfast on Sunday n

October 30th. President Wohl- served as a member of the Feder- n Nominating Committee and rejoice in the fact that Mr. Gro- Erdmier, Freeport, Illinois, imme- e past president of the Illinois odical Brotherhood, was elected serve as vice president of the eration for the coming biennium.

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NOTICE

e 1950 Biennial Convention of e Brotherhood of The United theran Church in America will held at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. he tentative dates for the meet- g are October 1 - 3, 1950).

is will be a delegated conven- n in accordance with the Consti- ion and By-Laws. The follow- g regulations will govern the ction of official Synodical and ngregational delegates:

Only those Congregational Bro- therhoods which have paid their 1949 or 1950 ULCA membership dues not later than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the 1950 ULCA Brotherhood Con- vention shall be entitled to send delegates.

A registration fee of $2.00 for each delegate shall accompany the Synodical and Congrega- tional delegate registration blanks to Brotherhood Head- quarters.

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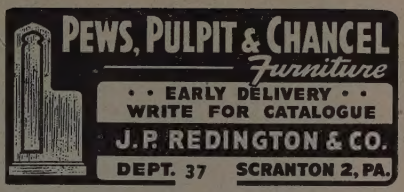
—Dr. W. H. Griffith Thomas



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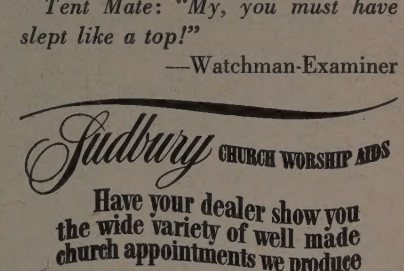
—Watchman-Examiner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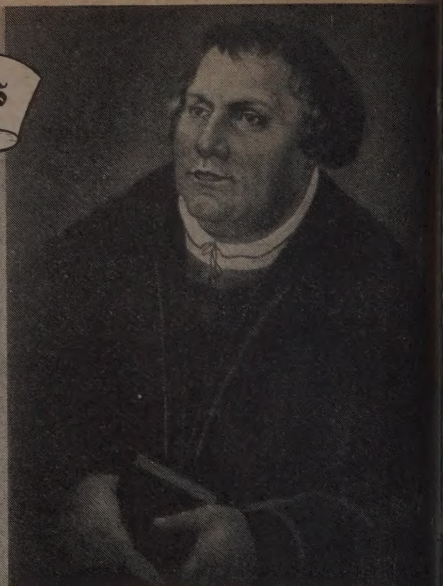

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